



NOTTINGHAMSHIRE  
HISTORIC CHURCHES TRUST

*raising money to grant-aid historic churches  
and chapels in Nottinghamshire*



Annual Review  
2019 - 20

*Front cover: Restoring the Lexington Memorial, St Wilfrid's Church, Kelham*  
*(photograph - Dr Christopher Brooke)*

## Nottinghamshire Historic Churches Trust

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The trustees of the Nottinghamshire Historic Churches Trust are chosen from various backgrounds to represent a cross-section of occupations and professions suitable to look after the needs of the Trust. Among these trustees are architects, archaeologists, specialists in many historical matters, landowners whose estates include an historic church, representatives from the legal and accountancy professions, surveyors, valuers, and various other appropriate disciplines. All give their services free and are diligent workers in achieving the aims of the Nottinghamshire Historic Churches Trust.

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## How the Trust Works

The Nottinghamshire Historic Churches Trust was founded in 1986 and gave its first grants in 1987. It raises money to grant-aid historic churches and chapels in Nottinghamshire. It is non-denominational and can consider making grants to any Christian historic church or chapel in need of support.

On 31 December 1986 a small handful of committed people, concerned at the decline in the ability of Christian church groups to fund proper care of our historic ecclesiastical buildings, met to sign the Trust Deed thereby creating the Nottinghamshire Historic Churches Trust. Today there are between twelve and twenty trustees at any one time, invited to take on the role because of their expertise, knowledge of and interest in the preservation of our architectural heritage.

### *The Trust raises money from*

- Individuals
- Institutions
- Local authorities
- Charitable trusts and foundations
- Legacies

### *It organises*

- The annual Ride+Stride
- The Friends of NHCT
- Annual Summer Party
- Events and visits

A Friends' Application Form and Standing Order is available from the Trust secretary. These, together with details of the Ride+Stride and other information, are also on our website: [www.nottshistoricchurchtrust.org.uk](http://www.nottshistoricchurchtrust.org.uk)

NHCT has been awarded £30,000 from the Allchurches Trust Limited to offer grants of up to £1,000 to provide help for the installation of roof alarms to deter the theft of lead.

### *The Trust spends money*

- By making grants to historic churches and chapels in Nottinghamshire for the repair and maintenance of the fabric and fittings. Most buildings in receipt of grant-aid pre-date 1914, but the trustees may also consider places of worship built between 1914 and 1969.
- Size of grants depends on various conditions laid down by the Constitution at the discretion of the trustees.

### *Why the Trust needs your help.*

- The Trust makes a major contribution to the preservation of our heritage by helping to conserve and repair ecclesiastical buildings of outstanding architectural merit or of historic interest.
- The Trust must keep raising money to continue with its work. The task of preserving our ecclesiastical heritage increases rather than diminishes with time.

## Chairman's Report

Nobody will forget 2020. Happily, however, this report mainly covers the period "BC" (before Covid), a period which now seems like another world.

Generally, the Trust has continued with its primary role of raising money to help Nottinghamshire churches which need financial assistance with maintenance and repair. We have also continued, where appropriate, to disburse £1,000 grants under the Allchurches Trust scheme which allows for provision of roof alarms to help in the fight against lead thefts. Huge thanks are due to Maureen Hallam whose work as fundraiser is fundamental to the Trust's activities. The same is to be said for the Grants Committee as it deals with applications made by individual churches.

Sadly, Martin Cooper resigned as trustee upon his appointment as Diocesan Chief Executive, and we were sorry to lose him but wish him well in his new role. Martin had only been a trustee for a relatively short period but had been instrumental in a number of initiatives, one of which was the obtaining of marketing advice from a group of Masters' students at Nottingham Trent University. I would like to thank Martin for his period of service.

We were delighted to welcome Dean Nicola Sullivan as a Patron of the Trust. We look forward to a long and positive relationship with her in this capacity, and thank her for her support for the work of the Trust, both as Patron and Friend.

One of the Trust's main events is of course the annual Summer Party. In June 2019, this took place at Thrumpton Hall by kind permission of its owner, Miranda Seymour. The fact that the evening was a classic case of "indoors if wet" in no way dampened anyone's spirits and our hostess's lecture on one of Lord Byron's successors, his daughter Ada Lovelace, and other members of the family, was made particularly interesting as she is a published author on her subject.

September's Ride+Stride 2019 proved to be another great success, both in the enjoyment for the participants but, just as importantly, as our largest single source of income. The success was all the greater as it was the first year that it had been organised without the support of Keith Goodman, whose legacy of its organisation was so important for the running of the event. For that reason, I would like to particularly thank Margaret Lowe for her hard work in continuing this organisation with increasing success.

2019 was another successful year for the Trust's Friends' activities. These visits, organised by Anthea Moat, are invariably successful and are usually oversubscribed. My thanks are due especially to Dr Chris Brooke, Professor Michael Jones and Dr Jenny Alexander who so ably and enthusiastically have led them and talked about the churches.

In October, I attended a national conference held in Norwich Cathedral for the various county historic churches trusts. It is always fascinating to speak to other county trusts' representatives and to compare notes. Although Nottinghamshire is not a particularly wealthy county, the Trust seems to perform reasonably well when looked at in comparison to its peers.

The trustees held a "review meeting" in November. The last had been held a couple of years earlier. We use them to think about broader issues outside the general routine of trustees' meetings. Amongst other things, we confirmed our policy of only expanding the body of trustees if an exceptional candidate presents themselves, but also that we should look for volunteers to help with specific tasks that the Trust requires.

I am pleased to say that David Tilley was appointed as our first Ambassador to represent the Trust's interests over a wider area. I made a number of other contacts in this matter and hope to report next year that further appointments have been made. The same comment applies in relation to a volunteer to help coordinate our marketing activities, albeit that once again we have been helped by Andy Platt, who has done much to continue to develop our social media presence.

I also wish to mention the work of Jon Dawson, our Treasurer, Anthea Moat, our Secretary, and Andrew Paris for his expertise and connections in the printing business which gives the Trust a highly professional face. The Trust simply could not function without their help and I would like to thank them for it.

Finally, the lockdown, which occurred at the very end of the Trust's year, ushered in a period of extreme challenges for all charities. So far, we have weathered those challenges reasonably well. Our ability to continue doing so rests with our supporters, without whom we would be a much less successful organisation. That support is now needed more than ever.

**Richard Brackenbury** - *Chairman*

## **Ride+Stride 2019**

The annual Ride+Stride was held on the second Saturday in September across most of the County Trusts, and in Nottinghamshire 209 churches agreed to take part, several more than the year before. The day itself was not encouraging, with rain and a cold wind, but many brave souls got on their bikes and 149 churches recorded visitors, some more than twenty in the day. The bikes ranged from racers and tourers to children's, and our faithful supporters on their tandem. Some churches who could not take part generously sent donations, making the total received just under £17,000, shared 50/50 with participating churches, plus the valuable sum of £1,667 in Gift Aid. Four churches raised over £1,000 each, the largest sum being £1,613. The total figure raised was slightly up on the 2018 event at £18,508 including Gift Aid, with £7,934 returned to the 54 churches with riders taking part. It is hoped that this growth will continue with more attention given to promotion and marketing.

The success of this event nationally continues to help fund the care of historic churches, and Nottinghamshire Historic Churches Trust is no exception. Since it is an opportunity for individual churches to take part, and so raise funds for themselves, it really is an event with a "win / win" result for churches. A church need only provide a place for the required form to be signed by Ride+Stride visitors, but it can also be an opportunity to welcome other people into the church, to put on some event, to open the doors to visitors, with refreshments or some activity, and to promote the building and its history. The riders and striders will be most grateful for any hospitality, and you might find others just dropping in out of interest. Churches can gather together teams of riders, or groups of family or friends can organise their own route, taking in as many churches as possible, raising sponsorship directly, or via JustGiving or other simple means (see the Trust's website for details).

**Mrs Margaret Lowe** - *Ride+Stride Administrator*

# Summarised Accounts for the Year Ended 31 March 2020

<b>Income &amp; Expenditure</b>	<b>2020</b>	<b>2019</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
<b>Income</b>		
Donations and legacies	31054	59455
Other trading activities	14149	12908
Investment income	1961	1850
	<u>47,164</u>	<u>74,213</u>
<b>Expenditure</b>		
Raising funds	10635	10150
Grants awarded (less withdrawn)	34970	30196
Management and administration	5397	5271
	<u>51,002</u>	<u>45,617</u>
<b>Net income for the year</b>	(3,838)	28,596
Change in value of investments	-11675	-383
<b>Net movement in funds in the year</b>	<u>(15,513)</u>	<u>28,213</u>
<b>Balance Sheet</b>		
Fixed Assets		
Investments at market value	26726	38401
Current assets		
Debtors and prepayments	1626	277
Cash balances	149620	156682
Total current assets	<u>151,246</u>	<u>156,959</u>
Liabilities due within one year		
Grants awarded not yet paid	52474	54500
Other creditors	194	43
Total current liabilities	<u>52,668</u>	<u>54,543</u>
Total net assets	<u>125,304</u>	<u>140,817</u>
Funds		
Unrestricted	95970	107913
Restricted	29334	32904
	<u>125,304</u>	<u>140,817</u>

## The Trustees' Statement on the Summarised Accounts

The summarised accounts are an extract from the Annual Report and Accounts for the year ended 31 March 2020.

The Annual Report and Accounts were approved by the trustees and signed on their behalf on 22 September 2020. These summarised accounts may not contain sufficient information to gain complete understanding of the financial affairs of the Trust. Copies of the Annual Report and Accounts may be obtained from the Treasurer, Jon Dawson, Unit C17, Kestrel Business Centre, Colwick Industrial Estate, Nottingham NG4 2JR.

In accordance with the legislation relating to charity accounts, the accounts have been subject to an independent examination by Zydna Limited.

On behalf of the trustees.

**Richard Brackenbury**

Chairman



## Grants Committee Report

There were a variety of denominations helped by the Trust this year and involving a diverse range of projects. Trust grants given to churches this financial year amount to £29,650, up on last year's grants paid (£26,300).

We are, as last year, still able to utilise monies received from Allchurches Trust which has been provided specifically to help churches to obtain funds for the installation of much needed roof alarms.

Unfortunately, as in previous years, some applications have had to be declined for various reasons. Either the PCC has insufficient funds available, or the work is classed as new and not repairs, and, in some cases, a request has been made for a revised application detailing specific works required.

The following NHCT grants have been paid out over the last year:

AWSWORTH	St Peter: not listed - investigate leaning boundary wall	£ 500
BAWTRY	St Nicholas: grade I - replace roof alarm	£ 500
BILSTHORPE	St Margaret: grade I - repoint, repair and restore stonework	£ 2,000
BULWELL	St John the Divine: grade II - replace damaged and missing tiles	£ 2,500
EDWINSTOWE	St Mary: grade I - excess payments due to lead theft	£ 200
FLINTHAM	St Augustine of Canterbury: grade I - install roof alarm	£ 500
GRANBY	All Saints: grade I - restoration of fallen masonry	£ 2,000
HAWTON	All Saints: grade I - stonework repairs, rebuild section of wall	£ 2,500
HAYTON	St Peter: grade I - replace and repoint stones, replace belfry hatch	£ 4,000
MANSFIELD	St Peter and St Paul: grade I - replace boiler	£ 4,000
NORMANTON ON TRENT	St Matthew: grade II* - replace roof alarm - replace stolen lead roof	£ 500 £ 3,000
NORWELL	St Lawrence: grade I - removal, repair and return damaged window	£ 500
NOTTINGHAM	St George in the Meadows: grade II - replace failed plaster	£ 1,250
SNEINTON	St Christopher with St Philip: not listed - roof and gutter replacement	£ 4,000
SOUTH SCARLE	St Helena: grade I - installation of roof alarm	£ 500
WELLOW	St Swithin: grade II* - restoration of church clock	£ 1,200

A total of £ 29,650 paid out using Trust monies this financial year (2019/2020) plus £ 12,000 funding from other sources.

**Graeme Renton RIBA AABC IMaPS EASA**

*Chairman of the Grants Committee*



## The Friends of NHCT

The support of the Friends of NHCT during the current pandemic has been inspiring, and we all hope and pray that we will be able to get back together again soon to continue to enjoy visits to our Nottinghamshire heritage, in the form of its historic churches. It was with great sadness that the third visit of the year in question, planned for 21 March 2020 to the two churches at Sutton Bonington, had to be cancelled at the very last minute because of the lockdown imposed that same weekend.

However, 50 of us did meet in the north of the County on a beautiful day in August 2019 at Holy Trinity church at Everton, and thence to All Saints at Mattersey, perched above the flood plain of the Carrs, followed by tea at the interesting Ewan Christian church of St Barnabas at Ranskill. Dr Jenny Alexander was in good form, and there was much to interest us in both churches. Jenny then wrote us a detailed piece for the autumn Newsletter about horses' footwear in the Middle Ages, beautifully illustrated on a plaque in Mattersey Church. I have to say that the tea provided by the catering party at Ranskill church was probably the most sumptuous we have ever had, and doggy bags were the order of the day! We are so very grateful to all those who look after us so beautifully on these visits.

In October, 65 of us braved the wettest day imaginable to visit Warsop and Cuckney churches. There were a few hiccups, but everyone was very understanding, and eventually the sun came out and delicious cakes in the village hall at Cuckney made up for all the rain. The Churchwarden of the big church of St Peter and St Paul, Warsop welcomed our wet feet and umbrellas, and Dr Chris Brooke and Professor Michael Jones gave us a detailed talk on the history of the area. From there we drove over the hill to St Mary's, Norton Cuckney where the remains of a medieval castle wall beside the church, standing above the river Maun, made it very atmospheric. We were made most welcome by the curate who added his bit to the history Chris Brooke and Michael Jones had so diligently researched, and we then retired for tea and sandwiches and cakes and scones in the village hall next to the church.

The newsletter, sent to all Friends at least twice a year, has proved popular, and the quiz in the Spring 2020 edition particularly so. As the answers to the quiz could all be found on the Southwell & Nottingham Church History Project website, many Friends found a new source of church history information to browse through during lockdown. This project is the only one of its kind in the country, and has entailed a mammoth effort on the part of those compiling it, but is a wonderful source of accessible, detailed interest on almost all the historic churches in the Diocese. NHCT trustees Chris Brooke and John Beckett were instrumental in bringing this to fruition.

The financial support of the Friends is ever more important while we are unable to hold fundraising events, so the trustees are immensely grateful to them, helping the Trust to continue to give grants. These small grants are often the difference between repairs being done, or not.

**Anthea Moat**

*Secretary / Administrator*

# Making a Lasting Difference - Leaving a Legacy

Leaving a gift in your Will to the Nottinghamshire Historic Churches Trust isn't just a gift, it's an investment in history and heritage. Many of the county's historic churches, chapels and meeting houses are fighting a battle against the ravages of time. We need to make sure that they get the repairs and renovations they need to remain at the heart of their local communities.

A gift in your Will helps the Trust to preserve these precious buildings for future generations. As a small charity with limited resources, your legacy could make a big impact on what we are able to achieve.

We welcome all legacies, however large or small, and we promise to use your gift to make a difference to the historic legacy of churches in Nottinghamshire. A bequest or legacy in your Will is one of the more traditional forms of giving to charity but remains a very important one.

You are never too young to consider leaving us a legacy to ensure that future generations will enjoy our county's rich heritage of churches and chapels.

All gifts given to charity in your Will are tax-free and are deducted from your estate before inheritance tax is calculated. Therefore, you could reduce or remove your estate's potential inheritance tax liability by including a gift to charity in your Will.

There are several ways to benefit a charity:

By a specific legacy which is a fixed amount from your estate  
e.g. "I leave the sum of £....."

or

By leaving the charity a share of your residuary estate. After any funeral, taxes and testimonial expenses are paid the balance left is known as your residuary estate and can be left to charity in full or in part.

**All legacy income is spent on direct project work, and is never spent on general administration costs.**

If you wish to leave a legacy in your Will to the Nottinghamshire Historic Churches Trust, and would like to indicate your intention, please contact one of the Trust's officers.

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